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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ZAIRE: CONTINUED FINANCIAL CRUNCH

EMBASSY KINSHASA SUGGESTS THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR DONOR COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO DEVELOP A LARGER STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN ZAIRE UNTIL SPRING 1977, WHEN COPPER PRICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL RECOVERY SHOULD TAKE OVER. THE EMBASSY POINTS OUT:

--INSTEAD OF HOLDING CONSULTATIONS AIMED AT INCREASING THE RANGE AND QUANTITY OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE, POTENTIAL DONORS HAVE CONSIDERED ONLY DEBT RESCHEDULING THUS FAR.

--WE CANNOT PRESS ZAIRE FOR BETTER PERFORMANCE, WHICH
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IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL, WITHOUT SOME KIND OF SUPPORT

FROM OUR ALLIES.

--THE IBRD, IMF AND OTHER DONORS WOULD GO ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IF ZAIRE CAN GIVE REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT IT WILL FURTHER IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER THE STABILIZATION PROGRAM.

TO GET AROUND THE "CHICKEN AND EGG" DILEMMA, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE US GET COMMITMENTS FROM ALL PLAYERS PENDING IMPROVED ZAIREAN PERFORMANCE. THE IMF SHOULD THEN TAKE THE LEAD IN SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS TO MOBUTU, POINTING OUT THAT FURTHER ASSISTANCE DEPENDS ON ZAIRE'S OWN PERFORMANCE. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINSHASA 7354, 9/1.)

2. NETHERLANDS: A NEW AFRICAN RELATION

IN AN AUGUST 30 COMMUNIQUE, THE NETHERLANDS AND ANGOLA ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE NETO GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY RECEIVED NEARLY THREE MILLION GUILDERS FROM THE DUTCH THIS YEAR IN HUMANITARIAN AID. (CONFIDENTIAL) THE HAGUE 4739, 9/1.)

3. ARE SOVIETS BREAKING RHODESIAN SANCTIONS?

THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS INFORMED THE SOVIETS THAT THE UK WILL FILE A COMPLAINT IN THE UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE. A RHODESIAN FIRM IS ENGAGING, THROUGH A SWISS FIRM, IN TRADE WITH THE USSR AND THE GDR. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 12373, 9/1.)

4. AEGEAN: BELGIANS SEEK TO MAINTAIN NATO PRESSURE

AS SISMIK I SET SAIL ONCE AGAIN FROM IZMIR, BELGIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE SCHUURMANS, ON ORDERS FROM BRUSSELS, BEGAN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER INFORMAL MEETING OF THE THIRTEEN ON THE AEGEAN DISPUTE. SCHUURMANS SUGGESTED THAT THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT FOCUS ON:

--WAYS TO DISSUADE THE GREEKS AND TURKS FROM BRING-
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ING ISSUES SUCH AS CYPRUS INTO THESE DISCUSSIONS;

--AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND HOW THE ALLIES MIGHT MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON THE GREEKS AND TURKS TO CONTINUE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS; AND

--MEANS OF INDUCING THE TURKS TO ACCEPT ICJ JURISDICTION IF BILATERAL TALKS BREAK DOWN.

US MISSION NATO COMMENT: THE BELGIANS MAY NOT YIELD TO
COUNSEL FROM OTHERS, INCLUDING OURSELVES, AGAINST PROCEED-
ING WITH SUCH A MEETING. SYG LUNS WILL THEREFORE PROBABLY
HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO CALLING THE MEETING EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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